

At page 11, amend the second paragraph under the heading  
"Determination of Roughness" to read as follows:

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P2 In this case too, the samples according to the invention  
featured clearly better roughness values than the samples from V1  
and V2, whereby the sample from V1 clearly fell in relation to  
the sample from V2.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 11 and 14 as follows:

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67 1. (Twice Amended) Support material coated on at least one  
side with a synthetic resin, containing a raw paper provided at  
least on the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the  
pigment coating contains at least about 5% by weight of a pigment  
having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to  
the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at  
least about 70% of the pigment particles have a size of less than  
about 1 $\mu$ m and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a  
grain size of 0.35 to 0.8 $\mu$ m.

12-11. (Twice Amended) Process for the manufacture of a  
support material coated on at least one side with a synthetic  
resin, containing a raw paper provided at least on the front side  
with a pigment coating, applying a coating containing at least  
one pigment on the front side of the raw paper, at least about 5%  
by weight of the pigment having particles with a narrow grain  
distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in  
the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% of the pigment

By Cont particles have a size of less than about  $1\mu\text{m}$ , and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of  $0.35$  to  $0.8\mu\text{m}$ , and applying a resin on the side of the raw paper coated with the pigment, by extrusion, at a speed of up to  $600\text{ m/min}$ .

BS SUB C 15 14. (Twice Amended) Support material for an ink-jet recording sheet comprising a raw paper provided at least on the front side with a pigment coating, wherein the pigment coating contains at least about 5% by weight of a pigment having particles with a narrow grain distribution with respect to the weight of the total pigment in the pigment layer, whereby at least about 70% of the pigment particles have a size of less than about  $1\mu\text{m}$  and at least 40% by weight of the particles have a grain size of  $0.35$  to  $0.8\mu\text{m}$ .

#### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification, page 3, are to eliminate redundant language and conform the grain size to the sizes originally set forth in the claims, and to pages 8 and 11 to correct minor inadvertent errors in the original application. The amendments to the claims are solely for purposes of clarification. None of the amendments herein are intended to alter the scope of the invention in any aspect.